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Federal Communications Commission
Field Operations Bureau
1782 Federal Building
1220 SW Third
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Subject: Federal Communications Commission proposed rule change 92-235.

There are two areas of this proposed rule change which greatly effect public safety of this county.

This rule calls for a phase in by the year 2004. However, upon adoption of the new rules the power output changes for all our existing sites and any new sites will require band width change.

Because compatibility is so very vital to our operation we would need to change all mountain top sites, mobile, hand helds, and all base stations at the same time. This could easily cost our county just to change police radios about \$250,000.00 this would be devastating to our small budget.

Second, we are a rural county with very mountainous terrain what you are proposing limits our ability to communicate car to car, base station to base station, dispatch to car and so forth. This rule would severely limit service to remote areas which would impact in a negative way officer safety and in general public safety.

It is also my understanding that no current equipment exists to meet these requirements so no accurate estimate can be made as to the costs. It is my recommendation that this rule not be adopted due to the negative impact it will have on public safety in our county. Thank you for allowing me to comment on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Dye
Thomas E. Dye, Sheriff

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